BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

Basics of School Funding

by Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff Office of Public Instruction January 2009

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Budgeted/Non-Budgeted Funds

- 1. Budgeted Funds (11 Funds)
 - District trustees adopt expenditure budget annually
 - Revenue may include tax levies
 - Examples:
 - General
 - Transportation
 - Retirement



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Budgeted/Non-Budgeted Funds

- 2. Non-Budgeted Funds
 - District can spend up to cash balance in fund
 - No tax revenue
 - Examples:
 - Food Service
 - · Miscellaneous Programs
 - Extracurricular

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General Fund

- · Authorized by 20-9-308, MCA
- Purpose: To finance general maintenance and operational costs of a district not financed by other funds
- Budgeted Fund (Tax Levy)
- · Funding Model
- Funding Sources

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Principles of Equalization

Basis for HB 667 (L.1993)

- Limit expenditure disparities to 25% from lowest to highest spending districts
- Recognize school district size and special education costs as educationally-relevant reasons for expenditure disparities

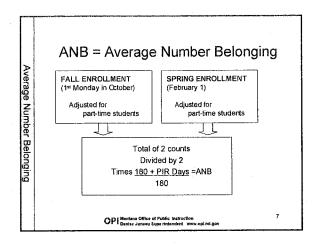
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Average Number Belonging

 ANB – Average Number Belonging is a student count for each school district used for school funding purposes. The ANB count for the current year is derived from school enrollment counts conducted in October and February of the previous school year.

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Changes to ANB Calculation 2005 Session

 3 year average ANB (HB63) - An average ANB over the most recent 3-year period, calculated by:

 (a) adding the current year ANB for the ensuing fiscal year to the ANB for each of the previous 2 fiscal years; and
 (b) dividing the sum by three.

Average Number Belonging

Average Number Belonging

General Fund Budget

 Part-time Enrollment (SB359) - Changed ANB basis from ½ time or full time and replaced it with ¼, ¼, ¾ or full time basis. SB359 clarified the conditions under which an enrolled student will generate ANB funding.

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Changes to ANB Calculation 2005 Special Session

 3-year average ANB - The sunset clause for 3-year ANB average was removed. (SB1)

Average Number Belonging

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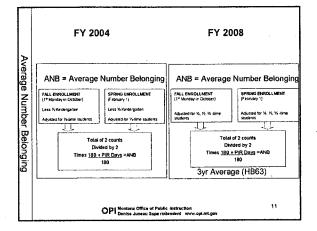
Changes to ANB Calculation 2007 Session

 Full Time Kindergarten (SB2) - ANB Funding for students enrolled in a Full-Time Kindergarten (FTK) program. With the addition of FTK the three year average is calculated by allowing the FTK ANB calculation to be included in the prior two years.

 The definition of one-quarter enrollment for ANB is redefined to 180-359 aggregate hours from 181-359 hours.

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General Fund Budget Elements

- · Basic Entitlement
- Per-Student Entitlement
- · State Special Education Payment
- · Local Special Education Match Amount
- Quality Educator Payment (New FY2007)
- At-Risk Student Payment (New FY2007)
- Indian Education for All Payment (New FY2007)
- American Indian Achievement Gap Payment (New FY2007)

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	Entitlemente	(EV04)	Entitlemente	(EV09)		
	Entitlements	(F 1 04)	Entitlements	(5100)		
General	Basic Entitlement		Basic Entitlement	1		
18	Elementary	\$ 19,456	Elementary	\$ 21,290		
G			Middle School	\$ 60,275		
Fund	High School	\$ 216,171	High School	\$ 236,552		
	Per ANB Entitlement		Per ANB Entitlement			
E.	Elementary \$3,949 - \$0,20/AN	IB to 1.000 ANB	Elementary \$4,579 - \$0.20/ANB to 1,000 ANB			
Budget E	High School \$5,262 -\$0.50/ANB to 800 ANB		High School \$5,861-\$0.50/ANI			
Elements	Special Education Block	k Grant	Special Education Bloc	k Grant		
<u>@</u>	Instructional \$122.67/ANB		Instructional	\$143.89/ANB		
nts	Related-Services	\$ 40.89/ANB	Related Services	\$ 47.96/ANB		
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Middle School Basic Entitlement

• Middle School and 7-8 programs

Basic Entitlement Eliminating the proration for K-8 programs and providing 7-8 with \$60,275 in FY08 and \$62,083 in FY09.

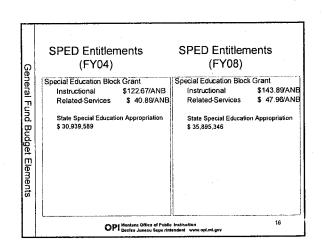
(SB2) 2007 Session

General Fund Budget Elements

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Special Education • Funding Allocations - 52.5% Instructional Block Grants - 17.5% Related Services Block Grants - 25% Disproportionate Cost Reimbursement - 5% Coop Travel and Administrative Costs - Money is distributed on a per ANB basis not based on the number of students with disabilities.



Changes to General Fund Components 2005 Special Session

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· Quality Educator Payment

FY07 \$2,000 per educator

- American Indian Achievement Gap Payment FY07 \$200 per American Indian Student
- · Indian Education for All Payment

FY07 \$20.40 per ANB min \$100 district

At Risk Payment

General Fund Budget Elements

FY07 \$5 million based on Title I Allocations

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General Fund Budget Elements

Quality Educator

Quality Educator is defined as a person who holds a valid certificate and is employed by a school District or Coop in a position that requires an educator license or other professional license to provide services to students.

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General Fund Budget Elements

Quality Educator Payment

Each district and special education cooperative received a \$2000 payment in FY07 for each full-time equivalent (FTE) licensed educator and other licensed professional employed by the school district, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physical therapists, speech language professionals, counselors, occupational therapists and nutritionists. Social workers, psychologists and other professionals were added in the 2007 Session.

Changes to General Fund Components 2007 Session

 Quality Educator Payment FY08 \$3,036 per educator FY09 \$3,042 per educator

· At Risk Component FY08/FY09 \$5 million per year Distribution based on federal Title I Allocations

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General Fund Budget Elements

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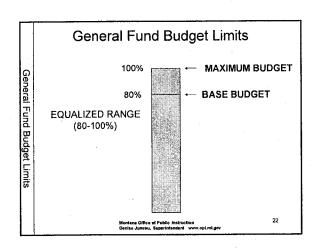
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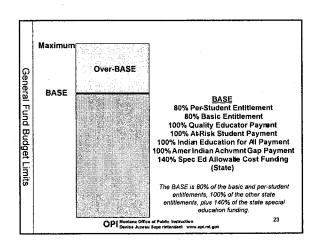
Maximum Budget (FY08)

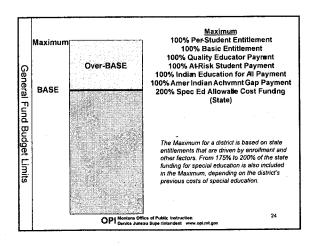
Basic Entitlement General Fund Budget Limits

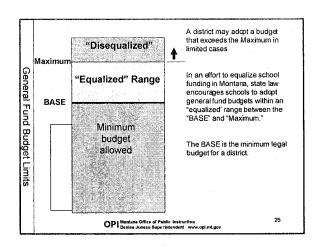
- Per-ANB Entitlement
- 200% Special Ed Per Student
 - Quality Educator Payment
- At-Risk Student Payment
- Indian Education for All Payment
 - American Indian Achvmnt Gap Payment

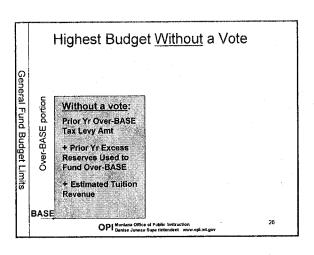
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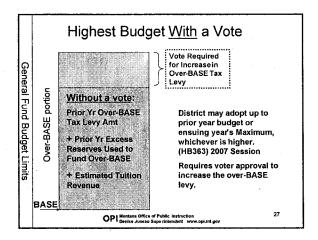


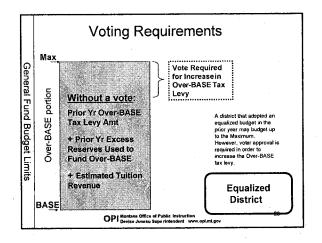


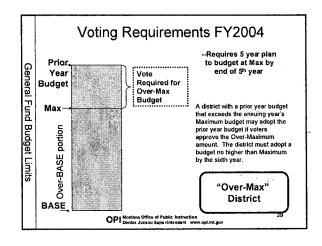


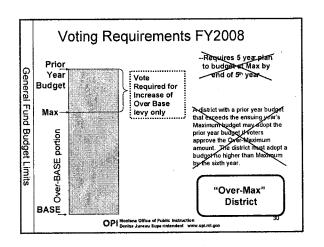












Changes to Budget Limits 2005 Session

 School districts that adopted a general fund budget over the maximum level in any year from FY01 through FY05 was allowed to adopt up to the highest budget in any of those years, subject to certain voting restrictions. This applied to FY06 and FY07 budgets.

(HB624) 2005 Session

General Fund Budget Limits

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Changes to Budget Limits 2005 Session

 Beginning in FY06 a school district may permissively levy up to the same amount of over-BASE property taxes that it levied for its FY05 adopted budget.

(HB63) 2005 Session

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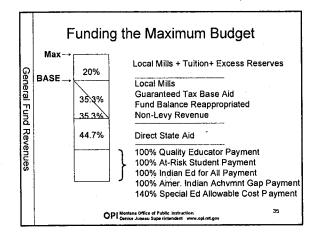
Changes to Budget Limits 2007 Session

- Beginning FY08, a school district may adopt a general fund budget up to the maximum general fund budget or the previous year's general fund budget, whichever is greater.
- If the state provides increæes in the new general fund payments, the district may increase its budget to spend the money without going to the voters for approval. (HB363) 2007 Session

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Funding the BASE Budget Max-General Fund BASE. Local Mills Guaranteed Tax Base Aid 35:3% Fund Balance Reappropriated 35.3% Non-Levy Revenue 44.7% Direct State Aid 100% Quality Educator Payment 100% At-Risk Student Payment 100% Indian Ed for All Payment 100% Amer. Indian Achymnt Gap Payment OPI Montana Office of Public Instruction Denise Juneau Superintendent www.opi.mt.gov



How Guaranteed Tax Base Works

State Taxable Value

General Fund Revenues

\$1,914,714,158 (2006 tax year)

- State guarantees that for every obliar of the BASE budget that the district must fund locally, there will be \$20.83 (FY08) of taxable valuation at the elementary level and \$32.26 (FY08) at the high school level to fund that budget.
- · The GTB level is recalculated each year.

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Changes to General Fund GTB

 Statewide GF GTB Ratio changed from 175% to 193% effective in FY08.
 321 districts received GF GTB in FY08, up from 306 districts in FY07.

(HB2) 2007 Session

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	Example: Hav	re Elementary
ြ	FY 04 GTB Ratio	FY 08 GTB Ratio
lej l	Elementary districts: \$ 18.19	Elementary districts: \$ 20.83
1g	Havre Elementary	Havre Elementary
General Fund Revenues	GTB Budget area: \$ 2,094,224	GTB Budget area: \$ 2,104,160
a	Taxable Valuation: \$15,256,168	Taxable Valuation: \$ 15,555,431
Re	Guaranteed Tax Base:	Guaranteed Tax Base:
é	\$ 39,793,142	\$ 45,795,966
ΙĒΙ	FY04 GTB subsidy/mill:	FY08 GTB subsidy/mill:
Se	\$ 24,537	\$ 30,241
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Non-Levy Revenue

- · Schools must budget non-levy revenue
- Must include non-levy revenue BEFORE levying property taxes
- · Examples of non-levy revenue include:

Investment earnings

State Reimbursements (for tax law changes)

Oil, gas and coal payments

State Paid Tuition

Block Grants

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Changes to State Paid Tuition

- · Revise school district tuition payments
- Beginning with 2005-06 attendance, tuition payments for a student placed outside the district of residence by a state agency or court, including a tribal court, are paid by OPI. HB83 appropriated \$336,000 for FY07.

(HB83) 2005 Session

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Fund Balance Reappropriated

- Determine the fund balance in the district's general fund as of June 30
- Set aside up to 10% for an operating reserve for the ensuring year
- Set aside "excess reserves" (as defined in 20-9-104, MCA)
- Remaining fund balance must be used to fund the budget for the ensuing year before property taxes may be levied

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Special Revenue Funds

<u>Purpose:</u> Account for proceeds of revenue sources that must be used for specified purposes.

· Budgeted or non-budgeted

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Special Revenue Funds

Transportation Fund: For financing the maintenance and operation of district's school buses, private carrier contracts, and any amount necessary for the purchase, rental, or insurance of school buses or operation of the transportation program.



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Pupil Transportation

- County transportation committee approves bus routes
- · Each district calculates its transportation cost
- · Budget needs given to County Supt.
- · Total \$ needed is calculated
- Commissioners set county lew for 50% of onschedule costs
- State pays remaining 50% of on-schedule costs
- · District levies excess on district taxpayers
- Levy is made permissively (no vote)

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Changes to Pupil Transportation 2005 Special Session

 Increase of reimbursement rates for individual transportation contracts from \$0.25 per mile to \$0.35 per mile active FY07.

(SB1) 2005 Special Session

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Retirement

- Funds school district cost of employee taxes, unemployment, and retirement
- Funded by permissive (no vote) countywide levy
- · Each district calculates cost
- Budget needs given to County Supt.
- · Total \$ needed is calculated
- · Commissioners set county lew
- · State quaranteed tax base supports mils

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County Retirement Guaranteed Tax Base Aid

- County property tax levy is matched by state GTB aid
- · Supported by guaranteed tax base
 - State mill value per ANB guarantee
 - Rich counties get nothing
 - Each EL mill raises \$23.79/ANB (FY08)
 - Each HS mill raises \$46,70/ANB (FY08)
- FY08 Co Retirement GTB: \$23,168,041

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Other Special Revenue Funds

Budgeted:

- Bus Depreciation: Financing replacement buses
- Tuition: Costs of students who attend school outside their district
- Technology Fund: Purchase and maintain tech equipment and provide tech training
- Others

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Other Special Revenue Funds

Non-Budgeted:

- Food Service: School food service operations
- Miscellaneous Programs: Local, state, and federal grants and reimbursements
- Others

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Miscellaneous Programs Fund (SB1) 2005 Session

One-Time Only Payments (OTO)

- Indian Education for All
 - FY07 \$7 million distributed per ANB.
- Weatherization and Deferred Maintenance FY07 \$23 million distributed \$1,000 per district and \$153 per ANB.
- Energy Cost and Transportation FY06 \$13.70 per ANB.

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Miscellaneous Programs Fund 2007 Session

One-Time Only Payments (OTO)

- Full-Time Kindergarten Start Up Cost payment. HB2 appropriated \$10 million, or \$971 per kindergarten student.
- Indian Education for All payment, based on Per-ANB and a minimum of \$500 per district. HB2 appropriated \$1.5 million for distribution in FY08 and \$1.5 million in FY09.
- Capital Investment and Deferred Maintenance payment. HB2 appropriated \$30 million in FY08.

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Debt Service Funds

Debt Service Fund:

- Principal, interest on bonds and Special Improvement Districts (SIDs)
- Bond proceeds
- Budgeted fund with voted levy

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School Facilities Payments

- Available to districts that have sold general obligation bonds
- Debt service mills are matched by state aid in low-wealth districts
- State-support is capped
- EL mill value/ANB \$27.52 (FY08)
- HS mill value/ANB \$54.03 (FY08)
- \$10.51 million is appropriated (FY08)

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Capital Projects Funds

Building Fund:

- Bond proceeds
- Insurance proceeds, federal funds, and property sold by district for building and construction projects
- Non-budgeted fund

Building Reserve Fund:

- Voter-approved building or construction projects
- Budgeted Fund

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Other Legislation Related to School Funding



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Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program

 Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program assists educators in the repayment of educational loans in an amount up to \$3,000 annually for four years.

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Gifted and Talented

- Gifted and Talented is appropriated \$1.25 million each year of the 2009 biennium.
 - > \$250,000 is on-going
 - > \$1 million is one-time only

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School Facility Inventory

 Allocation of \$2.5 million to conduct a School Facility Inventory to assess the condition of Montana schools in the areas of deferred maintenance, improved energy efficiency, and critical infrastructure.

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School Facility Inventory

 A new school facility improvement account in the state special revenue fund to provide a funding source for schools to implement the recommendations of the school facility study. Legislation transferred \$40.8 million over the biennium into the account to be used as determined by the 2009 Legislature following completion of the school facility study.

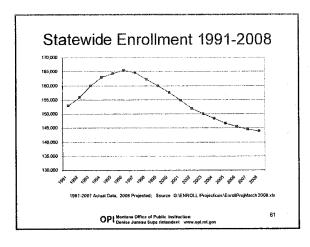
(SB2) 2007 Session

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Budgeted Fund S	Statewide Totals		
Fund	FY08 Adopted Budgets		
General	\$ 910,824,498		
Transportation	\$ 72,636,463		
Bus Depreciation	\$ 42,743,123		
Tuition	\$ 4,122,941		
Retirement	\$ 119,457,450		
Adult Education	\$ 10,458,738		
Non-Operating (9 districts)	\$ 343,505		
Technology	\$ 22,980,190		
Flexibility	\$ 21,642,019		
Debt Service	\$ 46,006,609		
Building Reserve	\$ 56,670,648		
Grand Total	\$ 1,307,886,184		
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Middle School Basic Entitlement

• The middle school basic entitlement was introduced in conjunction with full time kindergarten. Its purpose was to prevent a loss in school funding caused by an increase in the K-6 share of the basic entitlement calculation.

Non-Levy Revenue – B	lock Grants
Block Grant Type	FY08 Amount
General Fund School Block Grant	\$44,019,074
Transportation Fund School Block Grant	\$ 1,814,665
Combined Fund SBG (Discretionary Placeme	ent):
General Fund:	\$ 122,967
Transportation Fund:	\$ 68,575
Bus Depreciation Fund:	\$ 111,175
Tuition Fund:	\$ 11,240
Adult Ed Fund:	\$ 195,588
Non-Operating Fund:	\$ 3,211
Technology Fund:	\$ 237,899
Flexibility Fund:	\$ 1,762,969
Debt Service Fund:	\$ 118,137
Building Reserve Fund:	\$ 714,563
Total Combined Fund School Block Grant	\$ 3,346,325
Grand Total	\$49,180,064
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General Fund Budgets **Number of Districts**

Percent Group	2001	2002	2004	2005	2007	2008
Below Base	0	0	0	0	0	0
At Base	95	76	62	59	54	49
< 90%	96	92	57	46	48	49
90 to 97%	72	68	64	68	78	83
97 to Max	147	128	122	147	147	135
Over Max	38	80	133	116	98	105
Grand Total	448	444	438	436	425	421

